

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Applicants, through the attorneys on the record and identified below, thank Examiner Michael Pyzocha for granting Applicants a telephone interview on January 10, 2008.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b), the following is submitted as a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action. The following statement is intended to comply with the requirements of MPEP § 713.04 and expressly sets forth: (A) a brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted; (B) identification of the claims discussed; (C) identification of specific prior art discussed; (D) identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed; (E) the general thrust of the principal arguments; (F) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed; and (G) the general results or outcome of the interview, if appropriate.

On January 10, 2008, the undersigned contacted the Examiner to discuss the Office Action of October 10, 2007 and the reasons the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection was maintained in view of the prior amendments. (A) No exhibits were shown or discussed; (B) claim 1 was primarily discussed, and additional reference was made to claims 4 and 32; (C) *Rosen* (U.S. Patent No. 5,557,518) was discussed; (D) no proposed amendments were officially presented, but the claim amendments presented in this paper are consistent with the discussion; (E) the general thrust of the discussion was as set forth below in the following paragraphs; (F) no other matters were discussed; and (G) no official agreements were reached regarding the claims, but the Examiner indicated that clarifying amendments highlighting the use of information, including security features, by a third party to authorize an electronic message could be an important factor in distinguishing the present invention over the cited references.

The amendments herein and comments that follow are intended to be consistent with the discussion during the interviews.

In the event that the foregoing record is not considered complete and accurate, the Examiner is respectfully requested to bring any incompleteness or inaccuracy to the attention of the undersigned.